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PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 RESPONSE FORM

As part of the production of the Local Development Plan, a 'Main Issues Report' was published in January 2019. The responses from these consultations have helped to inform the content of the Proposed Local Development Plan ("the Proposed Plan").

The Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan will direct decision-making on land-use planning issues and planning applications in Aberdeenshire for the 10-year period from 2021 to 2031. The Proposed Plan was agreed by Aberdeenshire Council in March 2020 as the settled view of the Council. However, the Proposed Plan will be subjected to an independent examination and is now open for public comment.

This is your opportunity to tell us if anything should be changed in the Proposed Plan, and why.

When writing a response to the Proposed Plan it is important to specifically state the modification(s) that you would wish to see to the Plan.

This is the only remaining opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan. The reasons for any requested changes will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person known as a Reporter to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on any unresolved issues and the changes sought.

Ministers expect representations (or responses) to be concise (no more than 2000 words) and accompanied by limited supporting documents. It is important to ensure that all of the information that you wish to be considered is submitted during this consultation period as there is no further opportunity to provide information, unless specifically asked.

Please email comments to ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or send this form to reach us by 31 July 2020*.

We recommend that you keep a copy of your representation for your own records.

**UPDATE 16 June 2020: Consultation period was extended from 17 July 2020 for a further two-week period.*



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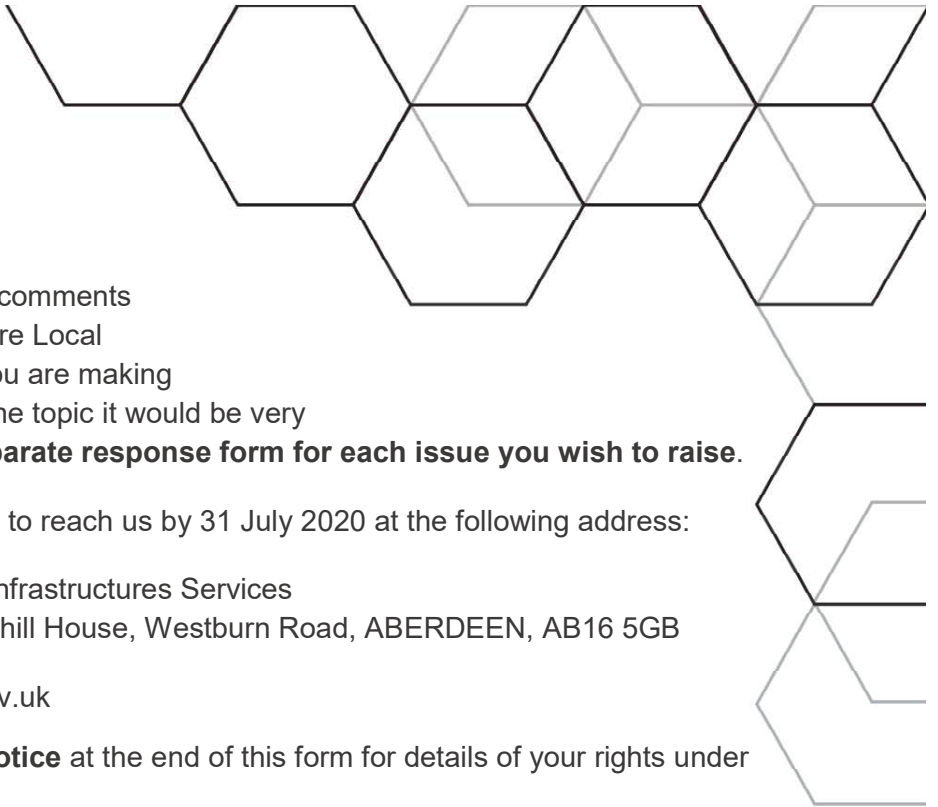
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in **a separate response form for each issue you wish to raise.**

Please email or send the form to reach us by 31 July 2020 at the following address:

Post: Planning Policy Team, Infrastructures Services
Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, ABERDEEN, AB16 5GB

Email: ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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YOUR COMMENTS

Please provide us with your comments below. We will summarise comments and in our analysis will consider every point that is made. Once we have done this we will write back to you with Aberdeenshire Council's views on the submissions made. We will publish your name as the author of the comment, but will not make your address public.

Modification that you wish to see (please make specific reference to the section of the Proposed Plan you wish to see modified if possible, for example Section 9, paragraph E1.1):

Modification

Section 3 Vision

The introductory statement notes that having a vision assists the Council *“in reconciling policy conflicts within the Plan and helps us to weigh up the differing interests in an open and transparent manner”*.

The Proposed LDP identifies the Vision for the region at a national, regional and local level while adopting the general vision for the planning system as set out in the National Planning Framework (NPF) and Scottish Planning Policy (SPP).

The vision at the national and local level seeks to tackle climate change and to deliver low carbon places.

This reference is welcomed in terms of aspirations to meeting Net Zero targets including the cross reference to nationally important policies as this high-level aspiration is a shared goal. For example, SHE Transmission has a critical role to play in meeting Net Zero targets by enabling the growth of renewable energy generation and the electrification of heat and transport.

However as set out in SHE Transmission's response to the Main Issues Report, SHE Transmission would welcome further acknowledgement of the importance of national developments. This would be in the form of reinforcement and continued development of the electricity transmission network, which is highly relevant to realising the Vision for the region, in particular in tackling climate change and delivering low carbon places. SHE Transmission is currently progressing plans for the upgrading of the existing 275kV electricity transmission network from central Scotland, north to Kintore, and across the North East of Scotland, to enable it to run at 400kV which will play a crucial role in the delivery for further renewable generation in these areas during the transition to net zero.

The reinforcement and development of the electricity transmission network supports the delivery of new energy generation and a shift to a low carbon economy. SHE Transmission would request that support and acknowledgement for the electricity infrastructure which is needed to support this sector is also recognised.

Reason for Change

To provide additional weight and acknowledgment of the need to deliver national developments which are critical to reaching Net Zero targets.

Modification

Section 4 The Purpose of the Local Development Plan and its Outcomes

Section 4.1 of the plan states that:

“Applying policies in the Plan may not lead to the achievement of all these goals. The vision of the Plan has a specific role in assisting Aberdeenshire Council in weighing up potentially conflicting objectives to achieve clearly definable outcomes that accord with those promoted by national and regional strategies. In all cases the vision of the Plan should be used to guide granting of planning permission where conflicts arise and one policy cannot be applied at the expense of another.”

For this reason, we would reiterate that further emphasis should be placed on the importance in supporting the delivery of National developments, as identified in NPF 3 (and any future NPFs), within the Vision statement.

Reason for change:

As outlined above.

Modification

Section 5 Spatial Strategy

The LDP recognises national developments as identified in the National Planning Framework (NPF). This is welcomed by SHE Transmission given the role in delivering nationally importance infrastructure projects as defined in NPF3. In particular, future works such as upgrading the East Coast transmission network and projects involving the development of new or upgraded substations which include (but not limited to) St Fergus, Peterhead, Kintore and Rothienorman all play a crucial role in the delivery of further renewable generation in these areas during the transition to net zero as well as delivering improved electricity network resilience.

SHE Transmission’s strategic objective is to enable the transition to a low carbon economy. This is done by constructing the transmission infrastructure required to connect renewable electricity generation and transporting that clean electricity to where it is needed. SHE Transmission therefore have a critical role to play in enabling the delivery of Scotland’s net zero ambitions as well as maintaining and improving network resilience.

Recognition and support for national developments is welcomed and encouraged, however specific support for the delivery of an electricity transmission network to meet future network requirements as part of the spatial strategy would be welcome.

Reason

To provide spatial recognition of the requirement for national developments in the form of electricity transmission infrastructure across the region.

General Comment

Section 7 Shaping Development in the Countryside

The nature of SHE Transmission's assets and infrastructure and therefore 'new development' often require remote rural locations. Section 7 deals with development in rural areas and identifies types of development which could be supported. A number of policies are included to encompass development in different parts of the countryside: -

'Policy R1 Special Rural Areas' and 'Policy R2 Development Elsewhere in the Countryside'. The map on page 34 identifies each of the areas spatially. Each policy identifies types of development that can be supported in each countryside location.

Policy R1 notes that "*Development identified as a national priority in the National Planning Framework or established need, where no other suitable site is available*" is mentioned as being permitted within the green belt. It is assumed that this reference to national priority includes those National Developments identified in the NPF3 (or any future NPFs) and clarification on this would be appreciated.

Under Policy R2 reference is then made to the 'accessible and remote rural areas' outwith the green belt and coastal zone where they will permit "*development that would be compatible with the location being in the green belt as listed under R1.2*".

This support and acknowledgement of nationally important developments, which are often driven by a specific countryside location requirement, is a welcome inclusion.

Section 12 Protecting Resources

Policy 'PR2 Preserving and Protecting Important Development Sites', provides protection for national developments as identified in the National Planning Framework and goes on to mention a number of national developments which affect the area including '*High voltage electricity transmission infrastructure, including cabling, substations, and converter stations, will be at a range of locations but are expected to include sites associated with the electricity substation south of Peterhead.*'

We welcome the acknowledgement of national developments and in particular high voltage electricity transmission infrastructure.

Conclusion

- There have been positive inclusions within the Proposed LDP including specific reference to national developments within the Spatial Strategy of the Proposed LDP. However, SHE Transmission would welcome further acknowledgement within the Vision Statement on how national infrastructure in the form of high voltage electricity infrastructure can be safeguarded.
- The reference to the need for High voltage electricity transmission infrastructure at a range of locations in Aberdeenshire is welcomed including specific mention to those associated with the electricity substation at Peterhead.

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Members of the public are being given this final opportunity to comment on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. The reasons for any changes that the Council receives will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on the unresolved issues raised and the changes sought.

Your name and respondent identification number (provided to you by Aberdeenshire Council on receipt of your

submission) will be published alongside a copy of your completed response on the Proposed Local Development Plan website (contact details and information that is deemed commercially sensitive will not be made available to the public).

In accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 where the appointed person determines that further representations should be made or further information should be provided by any person in connection with the examination of the Proposed Plan the appointed person may by notice request that person to make such further representations or to provide such further information.

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